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Pros for Freedom

Senate Considers Academy to Train Counter-Communist Corps

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Senator Dodd (D-Conn.) was addressing his colleagues on the subject of the Cold War. He said: "With every day's news, it becomes clearer that the old methods of defense are not enough.

"Either this country masters the new dimensions of warfare that the Soviets are employing against us, and goes over to the offensive, using all of our strength and wisdom, or we face the certain prospect of increasing isolation. . . . There must be a new start, a new approach in our planning and thinking. . . ."

He had discussed the effective employment of street riots in Japan, of infiltration in Iraq, of the takeover in Cuba right under our noses, and of events in Guinea, in distant West Africa. What did they mean, and what could we do about preventing similar losses in the future?

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Communists have done. How were they able to achieve their very great capabilities in political warfare? In suggesting this as a starting point, I do not mean that we should copy Soviet procedures. We can, however, learn a great deal from the Soviet experience, even though we ourselves must develop quite different methods—methods which meet our special needs and are in accord with our own ethics.

"The key to Soviet success is their massive development and training program in political warfare."

Since the days of Lenin's first political writings, 60 years ago, the Communists have devoted long and serious thought to the question of how to seize power in a modern state.

The problem divides into: (1) breaking down free institutions—legislatures, courts, defense forces, churches, schools, information facilities, family loyalties; and (2) replacing them, at the opportune moment, with a party dictatorship. In this field, they have amassed a great body of practical experience, from which they have deduced working theories, which form the basis of their training institutes for PROS—Professional Revolutionary Operators.

Lenin's Gang

Senator Dodd pointed out that when Lenin went back to the democratic republic of Russia, formed by Kerensky, he had at his disposal a small group of agitators already prepared for the work in hand. Since that time, the Communists have never neglected the formation of trained agents of political warfare. The Lenin Institute and the Academy of

Red Professors have courses running three to seven years. The Sun Yat-sen (or Far Eastern) University is the Alma Mater of most of the Communist leaders in the Orient, including the Chinese Reds. There are many others, notably a Latin American center at Prague; among its students were Raul Castro and others now better known than they were when the Communists recruited them.

At Moscow, Leningrad and Prague, since 1950, they have been educating selected Africans, not only in technical and engineering, but in the approved methods of propaganda and subversion. This is the report of General Cabell, Deputy Director of CIA.

To See Through Smoke

What can we do as a counter-measure in support of our position in the Cold War? Senator Dodd proposed the foundation of a Freedom Academy, and the idea is now before the Senate in a bill introduced by Senator Mundt. This would set up, in effect, a technical institute for the training of counter-Communist expert people, for example, who would be unlikely to mistake the drift of a Castro movement, in spite of the smoke screens of propaganda.

The Freedom Academy bill is backed by an impressive bipartisan list of Senators, both liberal and conservative. It is also endorsed by acknowledged experts on the World War, like James Burnham and Robert Straus-Hupe, as well as Arthur McDowell, of the Upholsterers Union, the best informed man we know on techniques of Communist subversion, especially within the labor movement.

Some opposition has been expressed, on the ground that our schools, colleges and universities are doing the job already. Obviously, they are not. Nor should they be doing it. We are talking here about a specialty that by its nature and secrecy must be alien to the free spirit of inquiry they try to maintain on a college campus. It is nevertheless a serious and vital training on the professional level that should be undertaken as quickly as possible.